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BIOTECHNOLOGY PROJECT FOR SCs/STs FARMERS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Biotechnology has sanctioned a project involving Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes farmers from selected villages of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount sanctioned for the project; and

(d) the agency selected for implementation of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes sir.

(b) Seven projects have been sanctioned on various employment and income generation activities viz.biofertilizers, vermicomposting, organic farming, biocontrol agents, value addition, dairy development and aquafarming in six districts of Vidarbha region in Nagpur, Wardha, Washim, Yeotmal, Amaravati and Chandrapur.

(c) An amount of Rs. 86.90 lakh has been sanctioned for the implementation of these projects.

(d) The agencies selected for implementation of these projects are: Rajiv Gandhi Vikas Biotechnology Centre, Nagpur; Department of Biotechnology, Agnihotri College of Science, Wardha; Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Karda,Wasim; Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Amravati; National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI),Nagpur; College of Dairy Technology, Pusad, Yeotmal; and an NGO - Action for Rural Development (AFORD),Brahmapuri, Chandrapur.